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Michelle King - Headteacher



Welcome to this Weeks Newsletter!

Welcome to this weeks newsletter! We've received so many positive comments about our new format—thank you for your support.

Inside, you'll find the latest updates, events, and student achievements. If you have any problems with access, please let us know.

Half Term and PD Day



Just a reminder that school is closed **Friday 18th October, 2024** for a Staff PD Day and in line with The Marches we have a two week holiday.

Students and staff return on **Monday 4th November, 2024.**

Disneyland Paris - Year 7 & 8



After an incredibly successful Disneyland Paris trip earlier this year, we are again going to hold the same trip (with a couple of tweeks!) next year.

The trip is targeted at the year 7 and 8 students and will be going between the dates 11th to 13th April, 2025 - 2 nights, 3 days. We will leave in the early hours of the Friday morning which means that students will miss school on that day, and it will be a late return on the Sunday night.

The trip price includes executive coach travel, channel crossings, 2 nights B&B, all meals including ferry (only exception is a lunch in Disneyland Park), Bateaux Mouches boat trip on the Seine.

An initial itinerary is listed in the images below (this may not be the final itinerary) along with more information.

We understand it is often difficult for parents / carers to come to the school for meetings so there will be a Teams meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 4.00pm, please join us where you will have a chance to ask questions if we don't answer them in the presentation.





OPEN TO YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS

DAY 1 Friday 11th April 2025

- Executive Coach Travel from Idsall to ferry
- Free time and meal on the ferry
- Arrive France and travel to Paris
- Bateau Mouches River Cruise along the Seine
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Travel to hotel for sleep



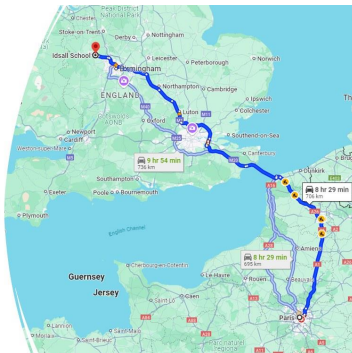
DAY 2 Saturday 12th April 2025

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Coach travel to Disneyland Paris
- Full day with access to both Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios
- Evening meal voucher so you eat at the park
- Coach travel back to the hotel



DAY 3 Sunday 13th April 2025

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Hotel
- Executive Coach Travel from the hotel to the ferry
- Free time and meal on the ferry
- Coach travel back to the Idsall



THE GREAT *Idsall* BAKE OFF 

On Thursday 17th October 2024, Idsall will be hosting a charity bake off at break and lunch where cakes and other tasty treats will be sold in the main hall (50p/£1).

The money raised will be going to  CANCER RESEARCH UK 

...so put on your apron and get baking for a great cause! 

SPOOKY season  **AND**  **Breast Cancer** NOVEMBER MONTH

There will be merits for all bakers, prizes for the top 3 places and a special prize for the Star Baker.

Sign up by 16th October with Miss Evans in H3 or on email. **On your marks, get set, BAKE!**

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6th Form Open Evening!



**Idsall Sixth Form
Open Evening**

**5th November 2024
4:30pm - 7:30pm**

Save the date...
Find out more at idsallschool.org

Book a tour

Want to have a look?
Book a tour to visit our happy and vibrant learning community.

Book a tour...
Reserve your place by emailing
ashley.bowler@ids.mmat.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you all on Tuesday 5th November for our Open Evening. Idsall sixth form has a great reputation for exemplary pastoral care and academic achievements. A small sixth form with a big heart, we pride ourselves on providing the best student experience, preparing our young people for their next steps. All our students progress on to University, Apprenticeships or Employment with training.

Our Open Evening aims to give you an insight into our sixth form experience. Parents, guardians, and students will be given a personal tour from our current sixth form students, as well as a brief welcome and introduction from Ms King and Mr Bowler. The evening promises to be informative and engaging. No appointment is necessary, please come along and see what fantastic opportunities are available at Idsall sixth form. For any further information, please contact one of the sixth form team:

Head of Sixth Form : Mr A Bowler ashley.bowler@ids.mmat.co.uk

Deputy Head of Sixth Form : Ms V McMahon vickie.mcmahon@ids.mmat.co.uk

Sixth Form Student Support Manager : Mrs A Case amy.case@ids.mmat.co.uk

Following on from this, or if you cannot make this evening, why not book a tour during the school day? See the school in action and speak to our present sixth form students, see the facilities in use!

So, if you are looking towards your future come along and see us.

Visit the link for more information : [Sixth Form - Idsall School](#)





Welcome to Mr Plant



We are excited to share that we have recently secured the support of a Trust consultant to further enhance the consistency of our pastoral systems.

Mr. Plant has joined us and will be working closely with everyone. Students may notice him around the school, ensuring that high standards are maintained in behaviour, attitudes, and pastoral support.

Free School Meal Eligible Students / Family



Shropshire Council will be providing funds for 1 week of support; £15 per eligible student over the October half term holiday for FSM students.

Vouchers will be sent out by Edenred on Wednesday 16th October 2024. Please also check your spam/junk email folders.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/Carers have 2 MONTHS to redeem their eCodes into a voucher (this has been reduced from 3 months). 30 days before expiry, Edenred send out a reminder once a week, automatically. If a parent/carer hasn't redeemed their eCode in that time, they cannot be reissued.

The food vouchers are provided to support eligible students during each specific school holiday period and should therefore be redeemed by the parent/carer as soon as possible.

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Marches Academy Trust



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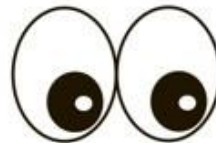


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Positive Impact of Line Ups

A few weeks ago, we shared the introduction of **line ups** with you, and we're thrilled to report that the feedback has been really positive, despite the unpredictable weather!

This new routine is having a huge impact on ensuring all students are ready and prepared to start the day with focus and energy.

A big well done to all of our students for adapting so well, and thank you to our parents for your continued support with this new start to the day. It is working really well.



Internal Truancy



We have noticed that too many students are out of lessons when they should be in class learning. This is called **internal truancy**, where students are on school grounds but missing specific classes. This seriously affects their progress and overall academic success. Additionally, it raises concerns as your child is not with a member of staff during these times.

To address this, we are closely monitoring attendance throughout the day, lesson by lesson. You will be notified if your child is absent from a class without permission. For recurring issues, we will work with you and your child to provide the necessary support to get them back on track.

The use of planners plays a key role in this process, helping us identify which students have permission to be out of lessons and ensuring your child follows their timetable to get to class promptly.

Year 7 Coffee Morning Drop In

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Now that our new year 7 have been with us for 6 weeks, we will be offering a drop in coffee morning for you to share any concerns, success stories and just talk to us.

This will take place on
Wednesday 16th October
between
9.30am - 10.30am



Charity Running



On Saturday 6th October Mr Goodison ran his first ever marathon at Chester in aid of his "wonderful and hardworking dad Martin The egg man Goodison" who died in November 23. Mr Goodison says he wanted to do something in his dad's honour and to thank the wonderful charity that made his last few days as peaceful as possible, the staff were amazing giving them time as a family to be together as his dad wanted.

He says the following about the experience :

"The Day - being my first Marathon I was very nervous and excited at the same time. Setting off from Wolverhampton at 6.00am a traffic free journey up the A41 arriving in Chester as the sun came up around 6.30. Having a porridge breakfast, I took on plenty of nutrition and fluid prior to the start. Starting in a pen with 6500 other people was amazing the support and camaraderie was brilliant, everyone completing last min prep, warm ups and stretching for the 26.2 miles.

Then the countdown and off....4 hours 30min later I crossed the finish line, with a range of emotions I had completed my first marathon in memory of my wonderful Dad. I will take it easy for a week or so and then start the training for London, I have set a massive target for fundraising for the **DougieMac**

Hospice which if you can spare a little will be gratefully received for the wonderful work they do with palliative care for all.

Mr Goodison is running a 2nd marathon for the same charity - this being the London marathon 2025.

Link for his Just Giving page is - https://www.justgiving.com/page/philip-goodison-1724528244178?utm_term=vZjDnNvDr

Student Achievement

We were very excited to hear that Katie Pearce has been selected for the Shropshire Hockey Girls U13s squad for the 2024/25 season.

It's a fantastic achievement for Katie and a reward for all her hard work and training. Katie, who has been playing hockey for 3 years, also plays club hockey at weekends for Newport Hockey club U12s/U14s.

Congratulations Katie and we wish you all the best. Keep us updated on how you are getting on.



Year 7 Handball - Coming Soon!



Fabulous news for year 7 students who want to try out and learn to play Handball. The session is open to everyone who wants to learn to play, learn the rules and everything else you need to know about Handball - hopefully we will be able to select some of you to represent the school at tournaments.

It will be starting on a Friday during session 6 (315.15 - 16.00) and will be run by two of our year 13 students, Fran and Harvey. Both students have played at national level and have played since they were year 7. Mrs Reeve will also be on hand to support.

So if you want to give it a go, and possibly be a future handball star bring you PE kit and a drink from Friday 8th November. Meet at the sports hall.

Hopefully see you there!

Uniform Expectations Update



You'll be aware that we've sent several reminders about our uniform expectations, and we're pleased to see that uniform standards are improving. Most students are looking much smarter, but there are still a few who are not in the correct uniform.

For clarity, pages 14-16 of the student planner outline all of our uniform expectations. We are working hard to enforce these rules to ensure fairness and foster a sense of pride within our school community.

As we move forward, we are taking the next steps to support full compliance. Our **uniform shop** will be open after half term for any students not in the correct uniform. Students without the appropriate attire will be provided with uniform items to borrow for the day, ensuring that everyone meets the high standards set by most students, who are looking fantastic.

In addition, we'll be using the **Smart Log** (yellow pages in the planner) to record instances where students are not meeting uniform expectations, such as having their shirts untucked or not wearing a tie or blazer which will result in a follow-up sanction.

Our goal is simple: **everyone in full school uniform every day.**

Upper KS2 Football, Boccia and Kurling event



Written by Maizie Lavender-Smith, Gwen Richards and Phoebe Priest (Year 9 Sports Leaders)

On Wednesday 9 October, 53 primary students attended our first KS2 Primary multisport event of the year at Idsall School.

Children from St Andrews, Sherifffhales and Shifnal Primary participated in Football, Boccia and Kurling. It was a fantastic event and Idsall sports leaders did an amazing job of planning and running the activity stations and competitive football competition.

Staff and children from each primary school commented on their experiences at the event. A student from Shifnal Primary School participating in football said that he really liked the event and would want to come back and do it again. Another student from St Andrews mentioned that he enjoyed the Kurling and Boccia activities. They were fun and he enjoyed having a go at sport he had never played before. A teacher from Sherifffhales highlighted that the football event was well organised and the leaders worked well together and thinks that the event is a great way for all the children within the local area to come together. Overall everyone at the event had a fantastic time and there was lots of success.

Congratulations to St Andrews A team who won the tournament undefeated. It was great to celebrate and see the School Games Values of respect, determination and teamwork.

Lost Property



Any lost property that is at school reception will be thrown away if it isn't collected by the **end of this half term** (Thursday 17th October, 2024).

If your student has come home having lost something during this half term, please get them to check with reception to see if it is there.

Many thanks

Kooth

What is Kooth

- Provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people
- Works with schools and professionals across the UK
- Free to access
- No waiting lists or thresholds
- Anonymous
- Plus many more benefits

Please take a look at the letter attached and access the website to see how Kooth can help with mental health and wellbeing support for young people.

www.kooth.com



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is **free** to access via any Internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com.

Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one [text based](#) sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, [self harm](#), suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. [All](#) of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of [10](#), and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the Country.

If you have any [questions](#) please let us know. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com.
Kind Regards

Safeguarding



The NSPCC has produced a new Keeping Children Safe Online workshop.

This provides parents and carers with information about how to support your child in the online world.

The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

To access it, click the link here: <https://youtu.be/MY5NDhvVkG4>

Protect our children!

Message from Sam Brace - Exploitation and Vulnerability Trainer with West Mercia Police

"You may remember an email from earlier this year asking all schools to share details of our online training sessions with parents and guardians. We've had dozens of parents attend so far and we're looking for your help again to get the word out.

I have attached our flyer and ask that you please encourage all parents and guardians to sign up to one of our online sessions. We cover areas such as **dangerous apps**, the need for **balancing screen-time**, **sexortion**, the impact of **online influencers**, and more.

Including our details in **weekly newsletters**, sending our flyer out in **direct messages** or posting on school **Facebook** pages are all really effective ways to encourage sign-ups. Alternatively, posts can be reshared from the West Mercia Police Facebook page where our ads have been running for the last month or so.

The direct link to the website to sign up is [Exploitation and vulnerability training | West Mercia Police](#)"



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Black History Month: what is it and why does it matter?

Tuesday 1st October - Thursday 31st October 2024



Black History Month happens every October and it is a month dedicated to giving everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

It was started by Carter G Woodson, known as the father of black history who was born in Virginia in 1875. Woodson's parents were former slaves and so access to education and job opportunities were limited. However, Woodson was able to student at one of the few high schools for black people as he saved the money working as a coal miner. He later went on to gain various qualifications including a PhD in HIstory from Harvard, where he also became a Professor.


Throughout his life, he worked continuously to promote black history in schools and in 1926 he launched the first Black History Week to coincide with the births of former President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Both men played a huge role in helping to end slavery.

In the UK the first Black History Month took place in 1987, this coincided with the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Caribbean.

October was chosen partly because it's traditionally a time when African leaders gather to talk about important issues, and partly because it was at the start of the school year.

Meet n Chat SEND

A poster for a 'Meet n Chat SEND' event. The top right corner features the Shropshire Council logo. The main title 'Meet n Chat SEND' is in large purple letters. Below it, 'Hosted by Shropshire Early Help' is written in green. The text describes the event as a chance for families of children with SEND to get support. The date and time are 'Tuesday 15 October 2024 1.30pm-4pm'. The location is 'Bridgnorth Youth Centre, Bridgnorth Family Hub, 45 Innage Lane, WV16 4HS'. The bottom of the poster features logos for NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin; Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help; and the Parent Carer Council Shropshire. An illustration of two hands, one in a yellow sleeve and one in a green sleeve, is on the right side.

 Shropshire Council


Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help


A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent Carer Council (PACC)

Tuesday 15 October 2024
1.30pm-4pm

Bridgnorth Youth Centre,
Bridgnorth Family Hub,
45 Innage Lane, WV16 4HS

 NHS
Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin

 Shropshire
Supporting
Families
through Early Help

 PARENT CARER COUNCIL
PACC
SHROPSHIRE

Trips

We are presently putting together potential / already in process trips for :

- Year 7 & 8 - France Disneyland Paris and Paris
- Year 9 - France and Belgium Battlefields Trip

- Year 8 & 9 - Las Vegas Geography Trip (see Mrs Green in G3 for more information)
- Year 10, 11 & 12 - Kenya Expedition (see Mr Pittam for more information)

What's on

- Tue 15th Oct : Disneyland Paris Meeting 16.00 Teams Meeting
- Wed 16th Oct : Free School Meals Vouchers Sent Out
- Wed 16th Oct : Year 7 Coffee Morning Drop In
- Thu 17th Oct : Great Idsall Bake Off
- Fri 18th Oct : PD Day **(School closed to all students)**
- **Mon 21st Oct to Fri 1st Nov : Half Term**
- Mon 4 Nov : Back to school for all students
- Tue 5th Nov : 6th Form Open Evening
- Thu 7th Nov : Year 13 Parents Evening
- Sat 23rd Nov : Shifnal Lights

Notices

- STEM club on Tuesdays is postponed until after half term - it will resume on Tuesday 5th November
- If your student comes home with an item of clothing / books etc that have been accidentally picked up can you please return it to the school reception - if you are missing something - please see the lost property.
- Coats / PE kit are often being forgotten, in the canteen / library at break and lunch, it would be a good idea if you could put your students name clearly inside somewhere. We can then get it returned to the student.

Shifnal Junior Youth Club



Nothing to do on a Wednesday evening want to make new friends get out and about in a safe environment, then why not give the Shifnal Junior Youth Club a try!

Held every Wednesday evening at the Trinity Centre, Shifnal

There are two different groups

- Shifnal Junior Youth Club - Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.00pm - Open to students in year 6 to year 8
- Shifnal Senior Youth Club - Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm - Open to students year 9+

This week - Wednesday 16th October :

Junior Youth Club - DIY Lava Lamps, Quiz & Make your own Toast & Jam

Senior Youth Club - DIY Lava Lamps, Quiz & Make your own Toast & Jam

Follow this link for more information :https://www.shifnaltowncouncil.gov.uk/council_events/shifnal-junior-youth-club/

[Shifnal Junior Youth Club | Shifnal Town Council](#)

Taekwon-Do Classes



TAEKWON-DO CLASSES **for NEW BEGINNERS**

AGES
5+

IDSALL SCHOOL SHIFNAL
CLASSES EVERY WEDNESDAY



to reserve your place
call **Mr Neil Morris (5th Dan)**
on **07969 996055**

or email neilmorris14@btinternet.com

LEARN
SELF-DEFENCE

HAVE
FUN!

IMPROVE
YOUR FITNESS



Offering Idsall pupils a 10% discount on monthly fees.

Classes every Wednesday 6-7pm in the main hall.

Offering two free trial classes.

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Our values:

